

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00798-RC**

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE v. UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/09/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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04/09/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5412035) filed by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Southerland, Abigail) (Attachment 1 replaced on 4/10/2018) (zmd). Modified on 4/10/2018 (zmd). (Entered: 04/09/2018)
04/09/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zmd) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
04/10/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 04/10/2018)
04/11/2018	<u>3</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Benjamin Paul Sisney on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Sisney, Benjamin) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/11/2018	<u>4</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/11/2018)
04/23/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/13/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/13/2018. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/23/2018)
04/23/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/13/2018 (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/23/2018)
04/23/2018	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/13/2018. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 04/23/2018)
05/14/2018	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
05/14/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Wyneva Johnson on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
05/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by May 30, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 15, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/15/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/30/2018 (tj) (Entered: 05/15/2018)
05/30/2018	<u>10</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File the Rule 16.3 Statement</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 05/30/2018)
06/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Rule 16.3 Statement: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit a joint report in accordance with Local Civil Rule 16.3 by July 16, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on June 6, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/06/2018)
06/07/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement due by 7/16/2018. (tj) (Entered: 06/07/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>file the parties' Rule 16.3 Statement</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/18/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 07/18/2018)
07/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> Defendant's Motion for Extension of Time: The parties' Joint Report under Local Rule 16.3 shall be submitted by July 18, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 19, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/19/2018)

07/19/2018	<u>13</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER: See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 19, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/31/2018 (tj) (Entered: 07/20/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Olivia F. Summers on behalf of AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE (Summers, Olivia) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
08/30/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 08/30/2018)
08/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by October 25, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on August 31, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
09/05/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 10/25/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
10/25/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
10/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by November 29, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/26/2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
10/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/29/2018. (tj) (Entered: 10/26/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/29/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by January 25, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on November 29, 2018. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/25/2019 (tj) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
01/22/2019	<u>18</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/23/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>18</u> Motion to Stay: It is hereby ORDERED that this case is STAYED until appropriations are restored to the Department of Justice. The joint status report currently due on January 25, 2019 shall now be filed within fourteen days of appropriations being restored to the Department of Justice. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on January 23, 2019. (lcrc2) Modified on 1/23/2019 (lcrc2,). (Entered: 01/23/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE. (Southerland, Abigail) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>20</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR.....Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Wyneva) Modified to enter in error as a duplicate of <u>19</u> on 2/11/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties will file another joint status report by March 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on February 8, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties will file another joint status report by April 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on March 5, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/05/2019)

03/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/8/2019. (tj) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>22</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Johnson, Wyneva) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>22</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report by May 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on April 9, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/8/2019 (tj) (Entered: 04/11/2019)